Claims

[c1]   1. A method for executing an application on a server, said method comprising:
transferring to said server a package, said server for execution on a computer
platform, said package comprising said application and server configuration
data, said server configuration data comprising data to configure said server for
said application;
configuring said server with said server configuration data; and
executing said server and said application.

[c2]   2. The method of claim 1
wherein said server configuration data comprises one or more server
configuration files; and
wherein the configuring step further comprises the steps of:
selecting one of said one or more server configuration files; said selected one
adapted to configure said server; and
configuring said server with said selected one of said one or more server
configuration files.

[c3]   3. The method of claim 2 further comprising the step of providing some of said
one or more server configuration files with versions of one server configuration
file.

[c4]   4. The method of claim 3 further comprising the step of providing each of said
versions of said one server configuration file with data associating said each of
said versions with a version of said application.

[c5]   5. The method of claim 3 further comprising the step of providing said
application with data associating said application with at least one of said
versions of said one or more server configuration files.

[c6]   6. The method of claim 2 further comprising the step of providing at least one
of said one or more server configuration files with a first server configuration
file adapted to configure a first server and further comprising the step of
providing another of said one or more server configuration files with a second
server configuration file adapted to configure a second server.

[c7]   7. The method of claim 2 further comprising the step of providing at least one of said one or more server configuration files with a first server configuration file adapted to configure a first server for execution on a first computer system platform and further comprising the step of providing another of said one or more server configuration files with a second server configuration file adapted to configure said first server for execution on a second computer system platform.

[c8]   8. A method of preparing an application said method comprising the steps of: packaging files composing said application with server configuration data, and providing said server configuration data with one or more server configuration files, each of said one or more server configuration files adapted to configure a server to execute said application.

[c9]   9. The method of claim 8 wherein said configuring step further comprising the steps of providing:
selecting one of said one or more server configuration files; said selected one adapted to configure said server; and
configuring said server with said selected one of said one or more server configuration files.

[c10]   10. The method of claim 9 further comprising the step of providing some of said one or more server configuration files with versions of one server configuration file.

[c11]   11. The method of claim 10 further comprising the step of providing each of said versions of said one server configuration file with data associating said each of said versions with a version of said application.

[c12]   12. The method of claim 10 further comprising the step of providing said application with data associating said application with at least one of said versions of said one or more server configuration files.

[c13]   13. The method of claim 9 further comprising the step of providing at least one of said one or more server configuration files with a first server configuration file adapted to configure a first server and further comprising the step of

providing another of said one or more server configuration files with a second server configuration file adapted to configure a second server.

[c14]   14. The method of claim 9 further comprising the step of providing at least one of said one or more server configuration files with a first server configuration file adapted to configure a first server for execution on a first computer system platform and further comprising the step of providing another of said one or more server configuration files with a second server configuration file adapted to configure said first server for execution on a second computer system platform.

[c15]   15. A versioning tool for preparing an application, said tool comprises: packaging files composing said application with server configuration data, wherein said server configuration data is provided with one or more server configuration files, each of said one or more server configuration files adapted to configure a server to execute said application.

[c16]   16. A method of versioning server configuration files, said method comprising the step of:
within a package comprising an application associating a version of a server configuration file with said application, said version of a server configuration file adapted to configure a server to process said application.

[c17]   17. The method of claim 16 further comprising the step of providing said associating with embedding association data within said version of said server configuration file linking said version of said server configuration file with said application.

[c18]   18. The method of claim 16 further comprising the step of providing said associating with embedding association data with said application linking said application with at least one of said plurality of versions of said server configuration file.

[c19]   19. The method of claim 17 further comprising the step of providing said package further with said version of said server configuration file.

[c20]   20. A computer readable medium storing data and instructions, said data and instructions adapting a computer system to:
transfer to said server a package, said server for execution on a computer platform, said package comprising said application and server configuration data, said server configuration data comprising data to configure said server for said application;
configure said server with said server configuration data; and
execute said server and said application.

[c21]   21. The computer readable medium of claim 20 wherein said server configuration data comprises one or more server configuration files; and wherein said adaptation to configure comprises adapting said computer system to:
select one of said one or more server configuration files; said selected one adapted to configure said server; and
configure said server with said selected one of said one or more server configuration files.

[c22]   22. The computer readable medium of claim 21 wherein some of said one or more server configuration files comprise versions of one server configuration file.

[c23]   23. The computer readable medium of claim 22 wherein each of said versions of said one server configuration file comprises data associating said each of said versions with a version of said application.

[c24]   24. The computer readable medium of claim 22 wherein said application comprises data associating said application with at least one of said versions of said one or more server configuration files.

[c25]   25. The computer readable medium of claim 21 wherein at least one of said one or more server configuration files comprises a first server configuration file adapted to configure a first server and wherein another of said one or more server configuration files comprises a second server configuration file adapted to configure a second server.